APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE TITLE:

The title is changed as follows:

NEUTRAL-POINT JOINT PORTION OF STATOR WINDING FOR AN ALTERNATOR

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3 and 4 are canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A stator for an alternator, said stator comprising:

a cylindrical stator core formed circumferentially with a number of slots extending axially; and

a stator winding composed of a three-phase stator winding portion constructed by connecting three winding phase portions into a three-phase star connection, each of said winding phase portions being installed in said stator core by sequentially inserting strands of wire into said slots at predetermined intervals and a neutral point of said stator winding being electrically connected to a rectifier for rectifying alternating-current output, wherein each of said strands of wire constituting said three winding phase portions is led out from a coil end group of said stator winding to an outer side to constitute a neutral-point terminal, and each of said neutral-point terminals has a flat side surface portion[,]; and

[a neutral-point joint portion of said stator winding is constructed by abutting and electrically joining said flat side surface portions of said neutral-point terminals]

a connecting member including a conductor having flat side surface portions, said flat side surface portions of said neutral-point terminals and said connecting member being abutted and electrically joined to each other to form a neutral-point joint portion of said stator winding.

5. (Amended) The stator for an alternator according to Claim [4] 1 wherein said connecting member constitutes a neutral-point lead portion connected to said rectifier.

Claims 8-10 are added as new claims.